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GHI Board Ponders Renegotiation Of Mortgage Terms at Fixed Rates

by Mavis Fletcher

At two December meetings of the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the board focused on the process of modifying the mortgage note held on GHI property by the National Cooperative Bank (formerly the National Consumer Cooperative Bank). As explained by GHI General Manager Ron Colton, the mortgage is a five-year adjustable rate mortgage (ARM). The interest rate is adjusted every five years and can increase a maximum of 2½% at each adjustment interval. However, when the mortgage was put in place, the method of determining the interest rate at future adjustment intervals was left open to negotiation.

Since the first adjustment will take place in 1986 and the NCB appears to be pressing for an early settlement of this issue, the board grappled with the factors affecting interest rate negotiations at its meetings on both December 6 and 20.

Colton explained that three factors must be decided in the negotiations: the index—that is, the objective measure (often a U.S. government obligation or index) to which the mortgage rate will be tied; the margin, the rate above the index at which the rate will be pegged; the period, the interval over which the index will be averaged to arrive at the basic index rate.

A letter on this subject from CMB Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of the NCB, recently proposed that the index be the five-year Treasury security index with the margin set at 1½% above that index. Although the period of the index was not specified, Colton indicated that he would expect a lender to try to make the period as short as possible in order to make the interest rate conform as closely as possible to current conditions when the adjustment occurs. From GHI's viewpoint, a short averaging period could be advantageous (if the index happened to be at a low point) or disadvantageous (if it coincided with a period of high interest rates). If the interest rate increased by the full 2½%, Comptroller Don McGinn estimated that each member's charges would increase by an average of $17 per month.

At the December 6 meeting there was some sentiment among board members for exploring the possibility of converting the present ARM to a fixed rate mortgage at the current interest rate. At the December 20 meeting, Colton reported that the bank would not consider this conversion unless the term of the loan was shortened to 10 years — an action which would add, on average, about $18 per month to each member's charges.

Board members were divided on whether to pursue this possibility: Director Janet Cantwell felt this option would probably not be popular with most members; Director Frank Gervasi felt that the savings represented by shortening the term by five years made the possibility worth looking at. All board members agreed that any such conversion would require membership approval. A motion by Gervasi to instruct Colton to continue discussion of the fixed rate terms passed 5-1, with Director Wayne Williams opposed. (Directors Don Volk and Ray McCawley were absent.)

The board felt some urgency about the negotiations after President Margaret Hogensen reported that she believes the NCB intends to sell the GHI mortgage to another lender, possibly early in 1985. The board seemed to feel that they would rather negotiate the terms of setting interest rates with NCB than with some unknown lender. Williams urged that Colton present his recommendations on the rate negotiations at the first meeting in January and Colton agreed to do this.

Membership Concerns

Items of general concern introduced by members at the December meetings included an issue brought up by Finance Committee member June Didas. She wondered how well the new Share Loan Service Corporation is serving the needs of the membership, particularly in the area of refinancing to pay off soon-to-be-due balloon mortgages. She cited an instance of a member who wished to take out a "second mortgage" on a GHI unit in order to pay off a balloon. According to Didas, SLSC refused to make a second trust loan; instead, the member was told the unit would have to be, in effect, refinanced with all the attendant settlement costs such refinancing entails.

Didas reminded the board that a point stressed to membership

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State Legislators to Hold City Open Door Meetings

In preparation for the up-coming session of the Maryland General Assembly, Senator Leo Green and Delegates Gerard F. Devlin, Joan Pitkin and Charles "Buzz" Ryan are inviting citizens to an Open Door Meeting on Saturday, January 5, from 10 until 11:30 a.m. in the Council Room at Greenbelt City Hall.

The legislators hope that constituents having suggestions for possible legislation, either the enacting of new laws or the repealing of existing laws, will take this opportunity to express their views.

The General Assembly will convene in Annapolis on January 9.

School Board Hearing On Budget January 9

A public hearing on the Prince Georges County Board of Education's Fiscal Year 1986 budget will be held in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. Individuals and groups wishing to make statements should register in advance by calling 952-4324.

The proposed $362.5 million budget would continue the reduction in class size, initiate a new disciplinary program for high school students, improve textbooks and instructional supplies, and upgrade computer facilities and clerical staffing for elementary schools.

The proposed budget includes multi-year enhancements that either improve upon prior plans or introduce new initiatives. These include staffing of elementary and secondary school guidance counselors, library media aides, elementary school secretaries, helping teachers, and auxiliary custodians.

Approximately 70 percent of the proposed $28.9 million increase for FY-86 would be required to maintain existing services for the new school year, after adjustments for enrollment decline and inflationary expenses. This also includes fulfilling the second year of negotiated contract settlements for employee salaries and benefits.

The remaining 30 percent of the increased funding would be used for the overall enhancement of the system's instructional and support programs.

Chief among these improvements is the effort to reduce class size systemwide by the mathematical average of one student per class. This effort would employ 126 teachers, offsetting the number of teaching positions lost to enrollment decline. The new effort would cost approximately $2.3 million.

The Superintendent has also proposed the initiation of an in-school suspension program for unruly students and a countywide alternative education center for students facing expulsion. The proposal, which is now undergoing extensive review, would cost approximately $546,000 for the new school year.

Classroom supplies and materials, textbooks and library books would also be upgraded under the new budget recommendations.

New Police Station Tops List Of Projected Capital Items

by Mary Lou Williamson

Construction of a new police station and an indoor swimming pool and purchase of parkland are the large items around which council is building a $6,000,000 capital improvements bond issue. Council met in a work session on December 10 to review comments made at the public hearing on October 29 as well as the city staff's updated list of those capital items which merit consideration. Staff also provided rough cost estimates.

A new police building heads the list of needs ($1.5 million). Other items in the "bricks and mortar" category are rehabilitation of North End Center ($600,000), an addition to the public works facilities ($380,000) and a possible addition to the Youth Center or renovation for a women's locker room ($100,000). City Manager James Giese expects these items could be kept generally to $2 million. A new indoor pool ($1 to $2 million) and improvements to the outdoor pool ($160.000), Giese thought, could probably be done for a total of $2 million. The third category —purchase of park lands and development of parks might add up to another $2 million.

New IRS regulations require municipalities selling tax-exempt bonds to use the proceeds of the bonds within a year of their sale. The city does not have to sell the bonds all at one time, however. Once agreed to by voters in a referendum, the city could sell the bonds over a period of several years, as projects are ready to go. Giese also noted that short term bond anticipation notes could be used to finance preliminary work such as engineering studies. New development over the next 10 years will help spread the cost of the bond issue.

Council would like to hold the referendum this spring, perhaps as early as mid-March. More decision-making by council must occur first, pin-pointing what projects would be included.

WHAT GOES ON

Mon,,, Jan. 7, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., Jan. 8, 8 p.m. City Council Work Session on Beltway Plaza

Road Improvements Planned For Greenbelt Rd. Corridor

(The following is a continuation of the December 27, 1984, article on the plans for Smith-Ewing and Tidler tracts currently under study by APB)

by Elaine Skolnik

Projected development of the Tidler and Smith-Ewing tracts east of the Greenway Shopping Center is of concern to city officials because of the impact of any increase in population on the nearby network of roads. For this reason traffic projections have been undertaken.

Road Improvements

Major road improvements are slated along Greenbelt Road from Kenilworth Avenue to Mandan Road. In its traffic study on the Tidler and Smith-Ewing tracts, Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. wrote, "To accommodate the projected traffic volume along Greenbelt Road as a result of all proposed developments, the following improvements have been assumed (to be in place) for the purpose of this study." Listed were:

1. Widening of Greenbelt Road between Southway and Mandan Road; scheduled for FY 87 in the County Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

2. Extension of Hanover Parkway to Good Luck Road and Princess Garden Parkway; scheduled in the County CIP for FY 84 (delayed because all land for this project has not yet been acquired).

3. Relocation and reconstruction of the northbound Baltimore/Washington Parkway entrance/exit at Greenbelt Road and other improvements (delayed because funding for this project was not passed by the United States Senate; legislation will be again introduced by Congressman Steny Hoyer in the next session of Congress).

5. Closing of the Southern ramp to southbound Baltimore/Washington Parkway with a new ramp constructed at the Golden Triangle. (City council takes a dim view of closing the Southway ramp.)

6. Provision of a double left turn lane at southbound Southway onto eastbound Greenbelt Road, a special project planned by the State Highway Administration.

Construction of the Kenilworth Avenue/Greenbelt Road grade separation is already underway.

The Greenhorne & O'Mara study team concluded that, "While the projected Greenbrook (Tidler) and Smith-Ewing traffic "does effect (sic) the surrounding roadway network, it does not significantly increase levels of service." They found that following total development of the projects and proposed highway improvements, the level of service in the evening peak hours would change from "C" to "D" at Hanover Parkway and from "B" to "C" at Southway.

There are six divisions of levels of service—"A" through "F" —where Level "A" indicates the best possible traffic operation and Level "F" the worst. In Prince Georges County, Level "D" is the adopted standard as the "acceptable level of service on the county's highways." Level "D" is described as "conditions approaching unstable flow, delays are moderate to heavy, significant signal time deficiencies are experienced for short durations during the peak traffic period."

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What Have We Here?

To the Editor:

First let me make one thing clear—I most heartily approve and congratulate the Public Works Department on doing something about the decades-old eyesore at the entrance to old Greenbelt Lake, now renamed Buddy Attick Park. During the early part of December I became increasingly elated to see the progress each day as I drove to and from work, the ugly mudhole filled in, the sinuous curbing installed, the roadside pay phone removed and the plantings begun.

But then as the days of December wound down, my sense of elation turned to one of growing apprehension. On successive days massive boulders began appearing out of nowhere, first on one side of Crescent road and then on the other, 39 by latest count, as if some giant asteroid had struck in the center of the road and exploded. Then large mulched circles surrounded by green sod began to appear—and multiply until they numbered 25 in all, each planted with shrubs arranged in a circle around a central tree. Where circles wouldn't fit, there appeared triangles and rectangles. And then set in the middle of all this, a low Japanese-style palisade enclosing an earthen mound upon which sits a monumental rough-hewn stone.

What have we finally ended up with here? Apparently a hybrid of a Japanese tea garden and a highly formal Victorian English garden, neither of which alone or, worse, together, is the least bit appropriate as an entrance to the wonderfully natural park that we all enjoy.

How did all this come about? A call to the City Office disclosed that Parks Superintendent Dennis Doornekamp of the Public Works Department created the design, and with the general approval of City Manager James Giese it was constructed. Apparently no thought was given to seek the advice or approval of any citizen group—the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for example—since such was not the custom in the past. Besides, Doornekamp had designed the Bicentennial Garden across Greenbelt Rd. from the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and it had met with the approval of the community, as far as is known.

Fair enough, but there's a world of difference between these two projects in the design problem they present. The Bicentennial Garden is a small formal arrangement set most appropriately in a formal oval of grass enclosed by concrete curbing. A formal design makes eminent sense there. It does not as the entrance to a natural park—all due respects to Doornekamp's efforts. It clashes terribly.

What to do about it? Is it too late to change? I think not. This ambitious and highly-visible project is far too important to let it become a permanent statement of our collective aesthetics. Let's even at this late date embark on the process of citizen involvement that should have been followed from the start. Council, take the initiative, get the Park and Recreation Advisory Board involved, hold a redesign competition, present the results to the citizens in a public hearing, and only then make a selection. If the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Committee can do it for D.C., so can we for Greenbelt. Surely in this way we can arrive at a landscape solution that is both fitting and beautiful. Our lovely natural park deserves no less, and neither do we.

Lowell Owens

Seong Soo Park

Seong Soo Park died on Wednesday, December 19 in Fairfax, Va. He was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. James C. Park, brother of Hyun Soo Park and Eunhee Park and grandson of Elnam Park.

Services were held at the Rinaldi Funeral Home, Silver Spring on Saturday, December 22. Interment was in Norbeck Memorial Gardens.

At the Library

The Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held Thursday, January 10, at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. The public is welcome.

Two Directories List Medicare Physicians

The Maryland Office on Aging has two directories of Maryland physicians who accept Medicare assignment fees now available for inspection by Medicare enrollees.

The information in these directories can be helpful to persons covered by Medicare who may want to know the extent to which their physicians or other physicians have been accepting Medicare assignment.

The directories are available for inspection only, not for distribution. They may be inspected at any Social Security District Office; Gateway I Office (of a local Area Agency on Aging); or Consumer Protection Division Office of the Attorney General.

Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Maryland also has a toll-free telephone number that can be called for information from these directories: 800-494-4795.

Free Income Tax Training Available to Senior Citizens

Prince Georges Community College is offering free instruction and training in "Income Tax Preparation and Savings Techniques" for senior citizens at the Greenbelt Department of Recreation at the Youth Center. Classes begin the week of January 28.

Pre-registration is required. For a free Winter schedule and additional information, call 322-0158.

DRIVER ED REGISTRATION ACCEPTED TIL JANUARY 9

Registration for the spring session of after-school driver education programs will be conducted through January 9 by the Prince Georges County Driver Education School. Applicants must be at least 15 and no more than 17 years old on the first day of class.

Registration forms will be available in all public high schools. Students must return forms to their preferred center by the end of the school day on Wednesday, January 9.

After-school driver education programs will be held beginning in January, February, March, April and May. A fee will be payable at the first class meeting.

For additional information, contact the Prince Georges County Driver Education School at 952-4533.

"Romantic Comedy" & Champagne Gala at Utopia January 11

A champagne and hors d'oeuvres gala will mark the opening, on January 11, of the Greenbelt Arts Center's first play of the year, "A Romantic Comedy."

Performed by The Greenbelt Players, the play will run Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, and then skip the next weekend and resume on January 25, 26, February 1 and 2.

Friday, January 25, the comedy will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

Directed by Lori Hopson Paul, the Bernard Slade play mixes a playwright, a school teacher, a journalist and a society belle and comes up with what the New York Post has called "a darling of a play."

The gala a few minutes after the close of the first performance is open to all who attend opening night (see ad elsewhere for details).

Hang on to That Treasure, Please

Before you give away that wool sweater you got from aunt Lilly but are allergic to, check next week's **News Review** for an article on a community-wide sale set for February 9 in the Youth Center.

Still in the planning stage, it will be a chase-away-the-mid-winter-doldrums event involving a limited number of Greenbelt organizations.

More information and a list of participating groups will appear next week, but this note is to alert you to hold on to those what - am - I - going - to - do - with - these items. If you head a Greenbelt group and want details, call Ann Pisano at 474-7814 or Eileen Peterson at 345-2454.

Citrus Fruit Sale

Music Department students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are selling citrus fruit this year as a means of financing the activities of the orchestra and four bands. Boxes of "Honeybell" oranges and pink grapefruit may be ordered before January 9 by calling 441-2662 or 474-3397.

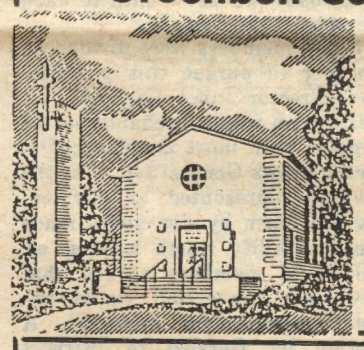
Friends of Library To Meet January 9

Friends of the Greenbelt Library will meet at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 9, in the library. A sign will indicate the meeting room. All interested area residents are welcome. For information, call the library at 345-5800.

Paint Branch Unitarian Church
3215 Powder Mill Road
(near Cherry Hill Road)
Sunday Services 10:45 a.m.
January 6: "Ethiopia: A Quandary for Liberals" Rev. Sylvia Lewis
Rev. R. W. Kelly 937-3666

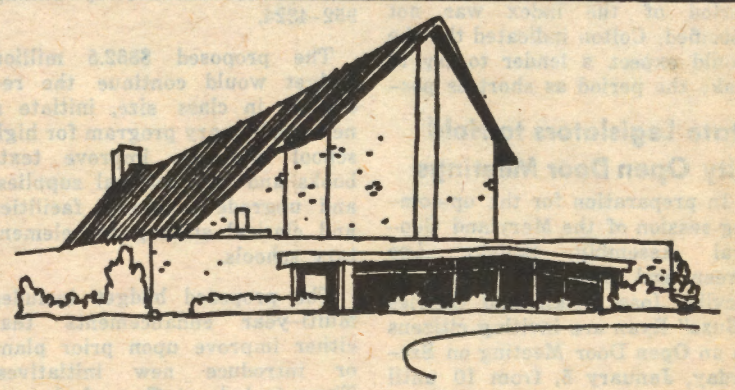
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Sunday Worship Services 8:30, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:50; Pre-School Program 9:50 to close of late service
Edward H. Birner, Pastor Telephone 345-5111

New Guidebook Published By Area Group for Hikers

Walkers in the Metropolitan area have a new guidebook recently published by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, a non-profit organization.

Entitled Hikes in the Washington Region, Part C: District of Columbia and Prince Georges, Charles, and Calvert Counties in Maryland, the 114 page pocket-sized booklet provides detailed guides for 20 walks, including Greenbelt Park, suggestions for other walks, and also information on the geology, history and animal and plant life of the region. For membership and other information call 638-5306.

Mowatt Memorial
United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
Sunday School 9:30 A.M. (for all ages)
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Rev. Dr. James Chong Park Pastor
474-1924

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
Episcopal
Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist First three Sundays
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Fourth Sunday
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
422-8057

Our Neighbors

Martha Kaufman 474-9359
Eileen Peterson 345-2454

Condolences to the Reverend and Mrs. James C. Park and family on the death of their son, Seong Soo. The Reverend Park is the minister of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

Residents of 9 Court of Ridge want George and Valerie Watson to know that they greatly appreciate their efforts when they raked and bagged their leaves on the lawns and public areas around the court.

Tillie Wetter of Ridge Rd. returned from Israel November 9 where she was a delegate to the summit conference of the National Council of Jewish Women. The NCJW does volunteer work in helping young people in trouble at home, and sponsors art programs and scholarships for high school graduates.

A bundle of joy was received Friday, December 28 by James and Patricia Consoli of Church Hill, Tenn. Their first child, Lauren Adele Consoli, weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. Her grandfather is Rex Lee Hendrix of Greenhill Drive.

We were glad to see Blanche Lee of Parkway walking around the Center recently. Best wishes for good health to Blanche, who was away from Greenbelt for awhile with a persistent illness.

A first grandson was presented to Shirley and Ray Hibbs of Lakeside Drive by daughter Debbie and her husband David Newell. Jeffrey David, born December 19, joins sister Ashley who is 21 months old. The Newells live in Annandale, Va., and David is the manager of the Washington office of Network Courier Service.

Former City Councilman Charles Schwan is currently at Doctors' Hospital in Lanham. He would appreciate cards and letters.

Congratulations to Timothy J. Brown, of Crescent Rd. on the birth of his grandchild Everett Leroy Ford, Jr., born December 19 and weighing in at 9 lbs. 9 oz. Proud parents are Rhonda and Everett Ford. Rhonda is now stationed at Ft. Lee, Va., where she resides with her family. Her grandmother is Marie Brown of Green Ridge House.

Bingo

7:30 p.m.

every Thursday

at

St. Hugh's

135 Crescent Road



"THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD," presented by the Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Beltway Plaza Mall on December 20. Mary was played by Adrienne Holien of Greenbelt, and Joseph by James Kurtz of Glenn Dale. The singers were, left to right Tommy Shifflett of Riverdale, Toni Ruffato of District Heights, Melanie Bennett of Lanham and Donica Kenney of Greenbelt.

GREENBELT HOMES INC. — THE COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY

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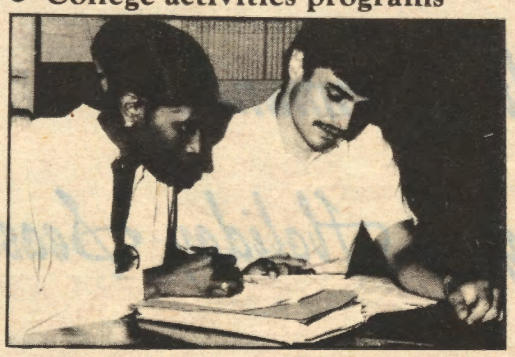
The Share Loan Service Corporation is a mortgage company created to provide affordable financing for purchasers of GHI units. We offer three different mortgage plans at competitive rates.

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AGENDA

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, January 7, 1985
8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Council Meetings
5. Additions to Agenda by Council and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title "Corporation-Municipal", Subtitle "Home Rule", to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of **Municipal Charters of Maryland** (1983 Edition as Amended) As Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, By Repealing and Reenacting with Amendment Section 40, Title "Purchases", to Provide that the Council Shall Prescribe by Ordinance a Competitive Bid Procedure and Shall Establish a Dollar Amount of Purchase Not to Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) Above Which the Taking of Competitive Bids Shall be Required Subject to Exceptions as May Be Permitted and Set Forth in the Ordinance, Such Exceptions to Include Awards of Purchases Based Upon Bids Received From Other Agencies, the Purchase of Special Categories of Supplies, Materials, Equipment or Contractual Services for Which the Council Determines a Competitive Bid is Not Feasible, and the Authorization for Negotiated Purchase Whenever it is Determined to be in the Best Interests of the City or an Emergency Exists - Second Reading
10. Senior Citizens Survey
 (Community Relations Advisory Board Report)
11. Election Procedures
 (Board of Elections Report, November 14, 1984)
12. Cablecasting of Council Meetings
 (Local Access and Local Origination Advisory Committee Report No. 4)
13. 50th Anniversary Committee Bi-Annual Report and Budget

IV. NEW BUSINESS

14. Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments - $120,000 (to Fund Approved Pay Adjustments)
15. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Hook-Up to Channel A-10
16. Plaques and Repairs - Roosevelt Mall Statue and Center School Bas-Relief Decor
17. Vandalism and Harassment at Roosevelt Mall
18. Roosevelt Center Improvements - Staff Report
19. Re-appointments to Crime Prevention Committee
20. Preliminary Plan of Subdivision - Maryland Corporate Center
21. Surplus Federal Properties - BARC - Part of Parcel 4 - 4.99 Acres

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change.

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prior to its approval of the information of SLSC was the need for a financing source to help members meet balloon payments. Didas said she had talked to one institution currently making GHI loans which is willing to make second trust loans.

After a brief discussion of semantics, during which Comptroller McGinn explained that, strictly speaking, there are no second (or first) trusts on GHI homes—the proper term is a first or second assignment of equity — he proposed that Didas submit her questions in a letter. He said he would get answers to her questions and reply to them.

When board members questioned Colton about the status of SLSC loans and policies, he replied that efforts are underway to make SLSC instruments correspond more closely to members' needs. He cited efforts to develop additional types of loans, such as three- or five-year ARMs. SLSC currently offers only a one-year ARM. Also SLSC has recently lowered its interest rates. He reported that SLSC, through November, had 17 applications for loans and that nine had been closed.

Other items brought before the board by members included an objection to the posting of a "Restricted Parking" sign in the 6 Court of Ridge Rd. It was explained that the court had had restricted parking (by poll of the residents) since 1969 but that the sign had been removed during rehab and only recently replaced. Signs which were lost or removed are being replaced in all courts, according to Maintenance Superintendent Joe Whalen. The board directed that a new poll of 6 Court of Ridge be taken in view of the complaint and the age of the last poll.

On the subject of the appearance of the GHI garages, member Janet James pointed out that when the garages were originally painted green and white, they matched the dwelling units. Now, in her words, "They don't match anything." She recommended that, when they are repainted, one of the rehab colors from the court be picked for the garages.

At the December meeting, member Steve Curtis presented a petition which would provide for the gradual reduction of the size of the board of directors from nine to five members. Since the matter would require a bylaws change, the petition was referred to the Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee.

Member John Lewis suggested to the board that all contractors involved in construction of an addition be notified when approval of an addition is referred to the Aesthetics and Environment Committee and that they be allowed to be present at the committee meeting. The board accepted the suggestion as a discussion item for a future agenda.

In another action, the board responded to a fund-raising plea from the Cooperative League Fund by voting to contribute $400 to the Fund's African relief efforts.

President Hogensen announced that she had filed papers to run for a seat on the National Cooperative Bank Board. Betty Deitch, chairman of the Members and Community Relations Committee, announced that a members' forum on proposed changes in the occupancy criteria is scheduled for January 23 at 8 p.m. in the GHI board room. The committee, said Deitch, wishes to get the community's views on the proposed criteria.

Pet Owners are Warned

Animals Need License

All cats must have a city license and all dogs a County license as stated in the Greenbelt City animal regulations. To obtain either license a veterinarian's receipt or other proof of current rabies vaccination must be brought to the City Office Building.

If an animal is found or reported to be running at large (not in its respective yard or on a leash not more than eight feet in length) it will be picked up by the Animal Control Warden. The owner will be charged a fine to retrieve the pet.

Impounded animals will be held for no longer than three days. If the animal is licensed, a reasonable effort will be made to contact the owner within that three day impoundment. After three days the animal will be sent to the County Animal Control Shelter in Forestville, where it will be put up for adoption or destroyed.

Owners may place identification tags on their pet's collar, giving address and phone number.

Individual warnings will be limited to one per pet owner prior to impounding the pet.

If an animal disappears or is seen running at large, please call the Greenbelt City Police Department at 474-7200.

Animal control regulations are available, free of charge, at the City Office Building.

Drawing for Seniors

"Drawing II for Senior Citizens" will be held from 1 until 3 p.m., Mondays, beginning Jan. 28 and ending March 25. Classes, offered by Prince Georges Community College, will be held at the Greenbelt Department of Recreation at Springhill Lake.

Although the course is free, pre-registration is required. For a free Winter schedule and additional information, call 322-0158.

Recreation Review

For the third year, "North Pole Calling" has proved to be the most popular and successful program of the Festival of Lights. Over 130 boys and girls received a phone call from Santa. Calls were placed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. No one knows who was the most excited—the youngsters who talked to Santa or Santa himself.

On Friday evening, December 21, carolers gathered at the Roosevelt Center Mall at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of song. After entertaining the Center shoppers with a few selections, they visited Green Ridge House, singing along the way. Afterwards a social hour with refreshments was held.

Santa visited the Greenbelt Youth Center on December 22 from 10 a.m. to noon while listening to all the "good" little boys' and girls' Christmas lists. Cartoons were shown. There were treats and refreshments for all.

Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues

Area teams will begin competition in the Greenbelt Leagues in January. All games will be played in the Youth Center Gymnasium. The women's league began Wednesday, January 2, 7 p.m. and the men's on Sunday, January 6, 4 p.m. Spectators are welcome to come out and cheer for their favorite team. No admission is charged.

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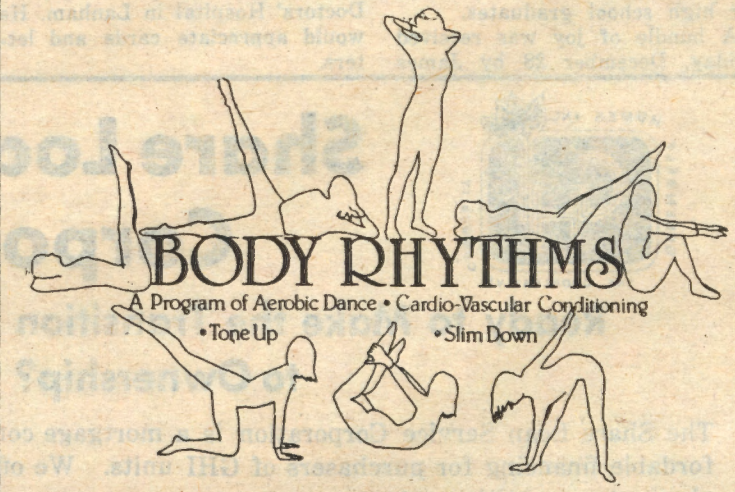
Preliminary Agenda

Thursday

January 10, 1985

8:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors & Members
4. Committees
5. Manager
 a. Rental garage roofs
 b. NCB loan adjustment
 c. Update on state legislation
6. Committees
7. President
8. Board Members



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Alan Virta Writes History of County

The first pictorial history of Prince Georges County has recently been published and soon will be available for purchase. Written by Greenbelt author and historian Alan Virta, **Prince Georges County: A Pictorial History** is the first book to trace the county's development from the earliest exploration in 1608 to the present day. The book has been limited to 1500 copies, each hand numbered and signed by Virta. It contains over 350 old photographs, tintypes, maps and drawings, many from private sources.

Sponsored as a community service by John Hanson Savings and Loan, proceeds from the book will be donated to the Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce for use in their county development efforts. **Prince Georges County: A Pictorial History** has been available for purchase beginning Monday, December 17 at any John Hanson Savings and Loan located in Prince Georges County.

Virta's text vividly chronicles Prince Georges County's colonial tobacco economy, the flourishing of the plantation system before the Civil War, the struggle of economic decline experienced after the war, the growth of the county's "streetcar suburbs" and the effects of the population boom of the post–World War II era.

A lifelong resident of Prince Georges County, Virta has written about local history for the Prince Georges County Historical Society for the past ten years. He has served as chairman of the county's Historic Preservation Commission since 1982. Virta earned a Bachelor's Degree in History and a Master's in Library Science from the University of Maryland. Currently he is employed at the Library of Congress on the staff of the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collection.

Register Now for PGCC Extension Center Classes

The local registration for Prince Georges Community College extension courses will be at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on January 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. More than 250 credit courses will be offered in the extension program, with many being held at Roosevelt.

Courses range from art, business, data processing and math through speech and creative writing. Students also may register for weekend directed learning and telecredit courses.

For additional information call 322–0783. For 24–hour information call 322-0781.

Nomination Forms Here for Breakfast of Champions

Dennis Curry, president of the Prince Georges Breakfast of Champions Association, has announced that nomination forms for the 12th Annual Breakfast of Champions Awards presentations are available by calling Dennis Curry, 262–2729 or Mary Ellen Kiss, 322–0166.

Anyone who resides in Prince Georges County, or represents a team or organization within the county who has won an international, national, regional or state elimination competition in the arts, academics, athletics, Special Olympics, career development or other fields, between January 1 and December 31, 1984 may be nominated.

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Monday, January 7, 10 am - 4 pm and 7-8 pm, Greenbelt Youth Center.

Tuesday, January 8, 10 am - 4 pm, Greenbelt Youth Center and 7-8 pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Wednesday, January 9, 10 am - 4 pm, Greenbelt Youth Center.

Late registration on a space available basis only, will begin Thursday, January 10 thru Saturday, 12 noon, January 19, at the Youth Center Business Office. All late registrants will be charged a $1.00 late fee. Make all checks payabe to the CITY OF GREENBELT.

A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, registering for classes. Non-residents will be charged an additional 25% for all classes.

All classes begin the week of January 21, 1985. Should any class be cancelled due to snow, make-ups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule. Classes are held for the number of sessions or hours designated.

Refunds will be made if classes are cancelled by the Department due to insufficient registration. Other refunds will be made only according to provisions in City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests be made in writing immediately for valid reasons.

LOCATION CODE: CS - Center Elementary School; SHLRC - Springhill Lake Recreation Center; YC - Youth Center.

BABYSITTING: Services provided for classes indicated by asterisks (**). Fee is 75c per child per class hour. Participants must register for entire class and fee is required at time of registration.

CHILDREN, TEEN & ADULT CLASSES

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION	DAY/TIME	AGE GROUP	FEE (Non–Resident add 25%)
Arts & Crafts	YC	Mon 3:30-4:30p	K-3rd Grades	FREE-8 weeks
	SHLRC	Mon 2:30-3:30p	K-3rd Grades	FREE-8 weeks
	YC	Wed 3:30-4:30p	4-6th Grades	FREE-8 weeks
	SHLRC	Wed 2:30-3:30p	4-6th Grades	FREE-8 weeks
Ballet - Children Pre-School	YC	Tue 2:30-3:30p	3-5 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
Pre-School	YC	Sat 9:00-10:00a	3-5 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
6 Yrs. & over	YC	Sat 10:00-11:00a	6-12 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
6 yrs. & over	YC	Tue 3:30-4:30p	6-12 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
Chucks 'n' Lassies	YC	Sat 12:00n-1:00p	6-10 yrs.	FREE - 8 weeks
	SHLRC	Sat 12:00n-1:00p	6-10 yrs.	FREE - 8 weeks
Clay Modeling	YC	Sat 9:00-10:00a	9-15 yrs.	$8/8 sessions
CPR - (Cardiopulmonary Resus- itation) PRE-REGISTER CALL M-F, 9-5, 474-6878 $2.00 book fee for all registrants	YC	Feb 12th & 14th	7-10:30p	FREE: $5/Non-res.
		Mar 12th & 14th	7-10:30p	FREE: $5/Non-res.
		Apr 16th & 18th	7-10:30p	FREE: $5/Non-res.
Classes are held at the Greenbelt Youth Center.				
Creative Carousel	YC	Sat 10:00-11:00a	4-5 yrs.	$8/8 sessions
Gymnastics	YC	Thu 4:30-5:30p	6-12 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
	YC	Sat 4:00-5:00p	6-12 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
Pre-School Gymnastics,	YC	Tue 2:30-3:30p	3-5 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
Tumbling, & Trampoline	YC	Thu 3:30-4:30p	3-5 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
	YC	Sat 3:00-4:00p	3-5 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
Jazzercise	YC	**Thu 10:00-11:00a	Adult	$12/8 sessions
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Karate	YC	M/W/F 5:00-6:30p	7 yrs. & over	$50/36 sessions
Kid's Kitchen	YC	Thu 3:30-4:30p	3-5 yrs.	$8/6 sessions
	YC	Thu 3:30-4:30p	6-10 yrs.	$8/6 sessions
Pre-School Playtime	YC/SHLRC	Thu 3:30-4:30p	3-5 yrs.	FREE - 8 weeks
Roller Skating	CS	Wed 3:30-5:30p	K-3rd Grades	50c w/own skates
	CS	Fri 3:30-5:30p	4-6th Grades	75c skate rental
	CS	Sun 1:00-3:00p	Family Skate	ALL AGES
Sign Language-(Textbook fee approx. $7.00)	YC	Sat 4:00-6:00p	9 yrs. & over	$20/10 sessions
Slimnastics	YC	Tue 7:30-8:30p	16 & over	$12.50/10 sessions
	YC	Thu 7:00-8:00p	16 & over	$12.50/10 sessions
Trampoline	YC	Tue 3:30-4:30	6-12 yrs.	$12/8 sessions
Tumbling/Floor Exercises	SHLRC	Tue 2:30-3:30p	6-12 yrs.	$8/8 sessions
	YC	Fri 3:30-4:30p	6-12 yrs.	$8/8 sessions
Volleyball - Competitive	CS	Mon 8:30-10:30p	16 & over	$5/ Season
Leisure	CS	Wed 8:30-10:30p	16 & over	$5/Season

IRS Mails Tax Forms To Greenbelt Residents

Federal tax packages were sent to Greenbelt taxpayers this week. IRS sends taxpayers either a short form or long form package, depending on the form they filed last year. Taxpayers whose tax status has changed this year can pick up additional forms and schedules from most local IRS offices, or from one of many post offices, banks, and libraries which stock them. Extra forms are also available by using the order blank in the back of the tax package.

Taxpayers who need additional information before deciding what credits, dependents, or deductions they should claim can order any of some 90 specialized IRS publications by using the same order blank used to order forms. For more information, call 800-424-1040 or 488-3100.

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For further information contact Liz Bell, supervisor of customer service, at (301) 270-7849.

NUCLEAR FREEZE GROUP TO MEET JANUARY 8

The Prince Georges Coalition for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze will meet Tuesday, January 8 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Charlie Kraybill, Regional Field Director of SANE will speak on "Action on 1985 Congressional Legislation." This will cover the critical issues and events on the 1985 congressional calendar, including details of the Central America Contingency Plan in the event the U.S. attempts direct military intervention. Following questions the local group will make plans for their 1985 agenda and action. All persons are invited. For information call 474-6890.

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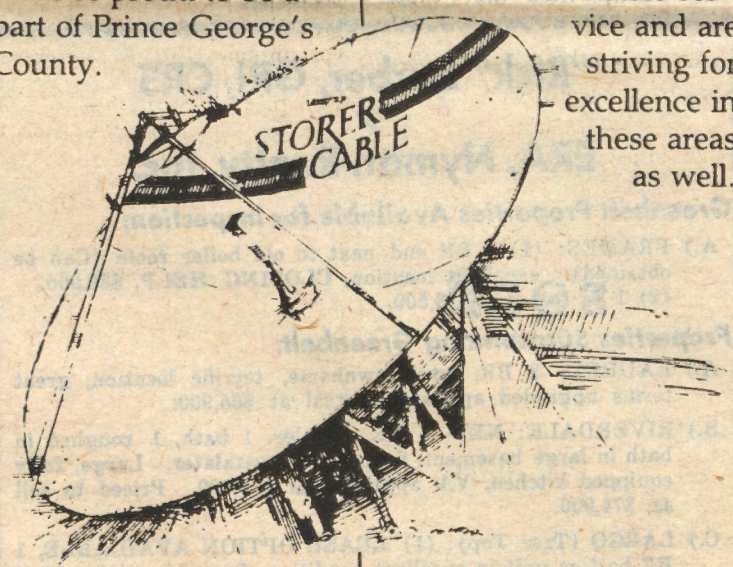
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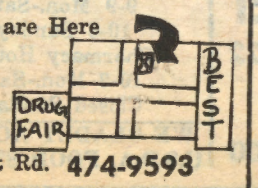
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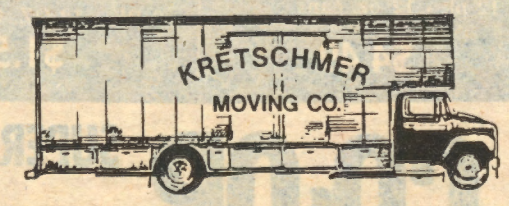
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